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TAXING THE POOR MAN'S FRIEND.

WHENEVER the government feels impelled to add to its revenue by devising new combinations of taxation it is strange that the first industry to suffer is that of the tobacco manufacturer. This business has been forced to bear the brunt of national demands in times of peace and now that war is on it is proposed to add to the burdens which must fall directly upon the producers of the solace which is patronized by nearly every man. If the tax on tobacco products goes into effect it will have an opposite effect to what is intended. Instead of adding to the revenues it will bring about a serious reduction in the amount now raised. The revenue bill, as it now stands, would work a hardship upon the manufacturer by compelling him to remodel his plant for the sake of complying with the requirements of the law. It is only as a net result of the most intelligent and energetic work, that the manufacturer has been able to attain the present volume of approximately thirty billion manufactured cigarettes which at the present rate of \$1.25 per thousand are paying the government a revenue of \$37,500,000 a year. Against this manufactured cigarette business there are probably one hundred billion cigarettes "rolled" per annum by the consumer who buys a nickel or dime's worth of tobacco and rolls cigarettes out of it, getting approximately 40 or 50 cigarettes for each nickel's worth of tobacco. If, after hard work, the manufacturers have been able to sell the same man ten cigarettes for a nickel and have him satisfied and through this activity have paid the government such a handsome return as against what they would otherwise have gotten it seems reasonable that fair treatment should prevail in ordinary demands on such business. Certainly the government should not put on more than the tariff will bear for the tobacco business today is paying the government, in internal revenue alone, approximately \$100,000,000 per annum and the treasury department admits that doubling the tax will not produce but between \$50,000,000 and \$60,000,000 extra. This certainly is an admission of the above for the very simple reason that doubling the tax ought to double the income. Not from special reference to the tobacco business, but with reference to all business, the country has not commenced to realize what this bill and other things that are about to go through mean, but from observations and talks it appears there is a rapidly growing and definitely strong feeling that the government is in error in attempting to raise too large a revenue from direct taxation at this time. The tobacco men have offered the government to assume an advance of 40 per cent, which would net a revenue within a relatively small amount of what is hoped to realize by a new form of taxation which would compel the manufacturers to junk the greater part of their machinery and invest millions more for the sole purpose of making different packages to comply with the law. The government should have a heart in not trying to impose unreasonable restrictions on an industry that was the inspiration for Bulwer Lytton when he wrote: "He who doth not smoke hath either known no great griefs or refuseth himself the softest consolation next to that which comes from Heaven."

FOOD REGULATION IN ENGLAND.

THAT the American people may arrive at a proper understanding of the world's acute food stringency, an incident which almost provoked a riot may be recounted. The scene is laid in a Midland village where some of the yeomanry had arranged a wedding feast, at which one of the attractions was a wedding cake three tiers high covered with priceless sugar and stuffed with various high priced condiments. The wedding feast had been kept up all day and late into the evening. The bridegroom was a farmer and among those present and sharing in the otherwise innocent pleasures were three brothers of military age who had not tendered their services to their country. The display was regarded as a wanton provocation to those of the neighborhood who were observing the order calling for a general self denial of food and a complaint was lodged with the nearest magistrate who was urged to cite the offending couple for disregard of orders. The outcome of the case is not stated, but it appears that the primary effect was to bring about the issuance of an order prohibiting confectioners from making a lavish display of sweetmeats and other temptations in their shop windows. The campaign to promote food economy is being prosecuted with vigor throughout England. Only last week five thousand taxi-cabs carried on their windshields an appeal to the public to eat less bread, and posters are being prepared for exhibition in tramway cars and motor omnibuses enjoining abstinence on all classes that the supply of food may be conserved until the next harvest. Part of this campaign is the publication of a "win the war" cookery book of which two million copies will be sold at two pence, or a nickel apiece, the proceeds of which will be utilized in carrying the campaign of publicity in enjoining economy on the people. To meet the demand for egg products the home office, which usually is occupied with affairs of state, descends to the level of directing the people along the coast to use the eggs of sea gulls as a suitable substitute for ordinary hen fruit. The eggs of the black gull, which have never had standing as an edible addition to the food supply of the kingdom, is rated as of excellent flavor and equal in every respect to the eggs of barnyard production. Potatoes at one and a half penny per pound are regarded as of such value that they are distributed to poor families in six pound lots. To build up a reserve of wool available for the army and navy it is proposed to establish a rule that old stock of woollens regardless of patterns, must be absorbed before any new cloths from mills are permitted to be sold. The British public has been organized for the purpose of using up old stocks which are said to be sufficient to clothe the entire nation for a period of 12 months without drawing upon the stocks of raw wool which must be saved for the men who are going to the front in defence of their country.

These incidents serve to illustrate the extremes to which the British people are driven and the intense patriotism which animates them in the present struggle to overcome the shortage of raw material. If the people of the United States adopt similar measures early in the war they will help regulate prices and save the government millions by refraining from trespassing on stock that should be saved for the fighting arm of the nation. Already the mills of this country are overtaxed to supply government orders and many of the recruits are compelled to wait weeks before they receive their allotted equipment of clothing, shoes and hats. Since this experience

exists with less than half a million men in all branches of the service, one may conjecture what will happen when the mills are called upon to furnish clothing for a minimum of two million soldiers.

J. Holman Buck, editor militant of the Western Nevada Miner, indulges in one of his beautiful essays this week announcing that his two sons, including the "baby", have offered their services to their country by going into the ranks without waiting for conscription and leaving "the old man" to get out the paper. The expression is well timed and should be blazoned over every door in the state as proof of that brand of patriotism that harkens to the call of country.

A correspondent inquires why somebody does not invent an American synonym for "slacker" which is said to be distasteful because of its British origin. There cannot be any substitute, for the English language fails to express the loathing for such a creature.

An English gamekeeper convicted of feeding pheasants with corn was fined ten pounds sterling, or \$50 in American money. This explains why there is such a demand for all the food that the United States can raise, since a single grain of corn is not permitted to be diverted from human beings.

The Polish citizens of Detroit set a noble example at their Memorial Day parade by turning in over 100 recruits ready to shoulder rifles for their adopted country.

BASEBALL GAMES

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
San Francisco	34	22	.607
Salt Lake	29	22	.569
Oakland	26	27	.491
Los Angeles	26	27	.491
Portland	22	30	.423
Vernon	23	32	.418

Yesterday's Games.

At Oakland—	R.	H.	E.
Morning Game:			
Salt Lake	3	7	2
Oakland	4	8	3
Batteries: Leverenz and Hannah;			
Goodbred and Murray.			
Second Game:			
Salt Lake	2	8	1
Oakland	1	10	5
Batteries: Evans and Hannah;			
Krause and Roche.			

At Portland—	R.	H.	E.
Morning Game:			
Vernon	8	11	4
Portland	6	11	3
Batteries: Mitchell and Mitze;			
Fitzpatrick, Brenton, Helfrich and Fisher.			
Second Game:			
Vernon	4	4	2
Portland	3	7	4
Batteries: Quinn and Simon; Mails and Sepulveda.			

At Los Angeles—	R.	H.	E.
Morning Game:			
San Francisco	1	5	2
Los Angeles	3	5	1
Batteries: Baum and McKee; Hale and Bole.			
Second Game:			
San Francisco	1	8	5
Los Angeles	7	12	6
Batteries: Oldham and Baker; Standridge and Bassler.			

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
New York	20	11	.645
Philadelphia	21	12	.636
Chicago	25	16	.610
St. Louis	19	16	.543
Brooklyn	13	17	.433
Cincinnati	16	24	.400
Boston	10	19	.345
Pittsburg	12	25	.324

(By Associated Press.) CINCINNATI, May 31.—St. Louis and Cincinnati broke even in a double header here yesterday, the local team taking the first, 8 to 7, and the visitors the second, 4 to 2. In the first game Chase got a double, triple and a home run, while Cruise made three hits out of that many times up.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, May 31.—New York took the lead in the National League from Philadelphia yesterday by defeating that team 3 to 2 and 5 to 1. Schupp pitched his sixth straight

victory of the season while the Giants hit Alexander hard. A crowd which filled ever seat in the Brush Stadium, sang the chorus of the Star Spangled Banner before the game, led by a Metropolitan Opera soloist.

(By Associated Press.) PITTSBURG, May 31.—Pittsburg split even with Chicago yesterday, by taking the afternoon game, 2 to 1, after losing the morning game 6 to 5. The afternoon game was won largely through the effective pitching of Carlson, who did not allow a hit until the seventh. A wonderful backhand catch by Ward, of Zeider's fly in deep short stopped Chicago's scoring in the eighth.

(By Associated Press.) BOSTON, May 31.—Boston closed its home series with a double victory over Brooklyn yesterday 4 to 0 and 2 to 0. Rawlings, substituting at second base, was the principal factor in Boston's scoring in each contest.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Boston	25	11	.694
Chicago	27	13	.675
New York	20	18	.521
Cleveland	22	20	.524
St. Louis	15	22	.406
Detroit	14	21	.400
Washington	14	24	.368
Philadelphia	13	23	.361

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, May 31.—Boston made it four straight from Washington yesterday by winning both games of the double header. It was the ninth consecutive defeat for the locals and the fifteenth contest they have lost by one run.

(By Associated Press.) CLEVELAND, May 31.—Detroit took both games from Cleveland yesterday 4 to 1 and 5 to 1. Superior pitching by Boland and Ehmke and the brilliant fielding of Veach and Young were largely responsible for the victories which forced Cleveland back into fourth place. Hellman made four hits in as many times at bat in the second game.

(By Associated Press.) PHILADELPHIA, May 31.—New York shut out Philadelphia twice Memorial Day, in the morning 6 to 0, and in the afternoon in a 15-inning pitching duel, 2 to 0. With two men out in the 15th inning the bases were filled on bases on balls to Peckinpaugh and Caldwell, the latter batting for Love and Walters' single. A base on balls to Magee forced in Peckinpaugh and Miller's single scored Walters.

In the eighth inning of the afternoon game Baker was so badly hurt he was forced to leave the game.

Thinking that Baker intended to bust Baker ran in, but the batsman swung hard and knocked a fast grounded, which took a bad bound and struck Baker in the face.

SHIPPED SOME POTATOES

During the past season 385 carloads of potatoes were shipped from Mason valley. Averaging better than 15 tons to the car, 6000 tons of spuds is about the amount of food contributed by this valley to the world's supply. It is estimated that the yield will be one-third more this year. The increase will be the result of improved methods of planting and cultivation, improved seed

and increased acreage.—Yerington Times.

PIOCHE MINE RESUMES WORK

The Amalgamated Pioche mine resumed activities last Wednesday after a shutdown of about a week due to the supply of coal running out and the inability of the management to obtain a fresh supply before the pressure of the shortage was felt. Orders for coal were placed some time ago, but it has been almost impossible to get deliveries.—Pioche Record.

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